

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- (currently amended) Many commercial processes involve mixing of fluids, including especially catalytic reactors and large fractionation columns. Such mixing is not always a simple matter, especially where the fluid has multiple phases (such as liquids and gases/vapors), and where large volumes are being rapidly mixed. Numerous mixing apparatus are known, and some of these are described in US [6098065] 6098965 to *Jacobs et al.* (August 2000), which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. *Jacobs et al.* teach several improvements, some of which involve bubble caps spaced apart on a distribution plate. --